

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Wednesday, July 19, 2000

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. OSE).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
July 19, 2000.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DOUG OSE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Lord God of Heaven and Earth, ancient writings describe a Suffering Servant you have given us as an example.

We are to follow in His footsteps: "He committed no sin and no deceit was found in His mouth."

Ever since, we have witnessed courageous people in the history of this Nation and throughout the world who have followed the example You have given us.

When insulted, they return no insult, when suffering, they do not threaten; instead, they hand themselves over to You, the only true and lasting Judge, who judges all things justly.

May justice in this land be founded in You. Guide the dealings of this Chamber so that all laws and decisions reflect Your Spirit at work now and forever. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KNOLLENBERG) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. KNOLLENBERG led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate agreed to the following resolution:

S. RES. 338

Whereas the Honorable Paul Coverdell served Georgia in the United States Senate with devotion and distinction;

Whereas the Honorable Paul Coverdell served all the people of the United States as Director of the Peace Corps;

Whereas his efforts on behalf of Georgians and all Americans earned him the esteem and high regard of his colleagues; and

Whereas his tragic and untimely death has deprived his State and Nation of an outstanding lawmaker and public servant: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of the Honorable Paul Coverdell, a Senator from the State of Georgia.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

*Resolved*, That when the Senate adjourns today, it stand adjourned as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Senator.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 4578. An act making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4811. An act making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to the bill (H.R. 4578) "An Act making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. GORTON, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. BURNS, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. GREGG, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. BYRD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. REID, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. KOHL, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

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### EXECUTING PREGNANT WOMEN

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, if a woman on death row is pregnant, should she or should she not be executed? That is the question that was recently posed to the Vice President, by Tim Russert on Meet the Press. The Vice President responded, "I don't know what you're talking about."

When Mr. Russert asked the question again, the Vice President laughed and said he would want to think about it. The next day, Mr. GORE emerged from his campaign headquarters and said that it should be up to the felon to decide.

Mr. Speaker, most people on death row are there because they have willfully taken another life, often several of them. The death penalty is not given for manslaughter or third degree murder. It is only given to perpetrators of the most horrible crimes.

How on Earth could the Vice President believe that we should be asking these people for permission to kill their innocent, unborn children along with themselves?

Is the child guilty of the crimes as the mother? Obviously not.

We have had laws for hundreds of years against executing pregnant death row inmates.

Mr. Speaker, the Vice President's position on this issue is wrong. It is callous and cruel.

### INTERNATIONAL ABDUCTION

(Mr. LAMPSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to draw attention to the issue of international child abduction, and to continue to make my colleagues aware that this issue has ripped 10,000 American children away from their parents.

I have been coming here almost every day since February 16 telling a story about an abducted child, and today I am going to be talking about Brianna